



U.S. Department
of Transportation
**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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NVS-215kjs
12E-019

Subject: MOTORCYCLE HELMETS/FMVSS 218

Dear MS. ROWE:

This letter serves to acknowledge Galaxy Helmets & Accessories', (Galaxy Helmets), notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a noncompliance with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 218, "Motorcycle Helmets," for which a safety recall campaign will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the helmets listed below.

Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

Makes/Models/Model Years:

GLX/501C/9999

NHTSA Campaign Number: 12E-019

Mfg's Report Date: March 23, 2012

Components: EQUIPMENT:MOTORCYCLE:HELMETS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 747

Summary:

GALAXY HELMETS AND ACCESSORIES (GALAXY HELMETS) IS RECALLING CERTAIN GLX 501C EXTRA LARGE MOTORCYCLE HELMETS. THESE HELMETS FAIL TO CONFORM TO THE IMPACT REQUIREMENTS OF FEDERAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARD (FMVSS) NO. 218, "MOTORCYCLE HELMETS."

Consequence:

THE WEARER OF A NONCOMPLIANT HELMET CAN SUSTAIN SERIOUS INJURIES IN THE EVENT OF A CRASH.

Remedy:

GALAXY HELMETS WILL NOTIFY OWNERS AND THE HELMETS WILL BE MODIFIED TO BRING THEM INTO COMPLIANCE WITH FMVSS NO. 218 FREE OF CHARGE. THE MANUFACTURER HAS NOT YET PROVIDED THE AGENCY WITH A NOTIFICATION SCHEDULE. OWNERS MAY CONTACT GALAXY HELMETS AT 1-626-359-0900.

Notes:

OWNERS MAY CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S VEHICLE SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), OR GO TO [HTTP://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV](http://www.safercar.gov).

Under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a), it is illegal for anyone, including a manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or retailer to sell an item of equipment or vehicle that fails to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

Please provide the following additional information:

You are required to provide an estimated date including month, day, and year, when you will send notifications to owners, dealers, and distributors as soon as it becomes available. Please be reminded that it is expected owners will be notified within 60 days of a manufacturer's notification to NHTSA. You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers.

Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

Galaxy Helmets must file a sample of the envelope which you intend to use to mail the recall notice to owners. The words "SAFETY", "RECALL", "NOTICE" in any order must be printed on the envelope in larger font than the customer's name and address.

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on or before 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter.

Your contact for this recall will be Kelly Schuler, who may be reached by phone at 1-202-366-5227, by email at Kelly.Schuler@dot.gov, or through the office email at RMD.ODI@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Timian". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Jennifer Timian
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement